

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

LONDON'S BURNING, FETCH THE ENGINES!



There was great excitement last Friday morning as our Year 1 children recreated The Great Fire of London. The children collaborated with each other to build their Tudor houses out of cereal boxes and then became time travellers and travelled back to 1666.



Fireman Nick (Mr Fensom as he is also known) set light to the houses and the children watched in awe, as the wind made the fire spread.

They had to imagine what it would have been like in the actual Great Fire of 1666 and discussed their thoughts with each other.



Water was on hand to extinguish the fire, but the children continued to watch until the fire had extinguished itself.



THE GREAT, THE BOLD AND THE BRAVE

Year 5 have been studying Ancient Greek Myths and focussed their attentions this week on the legend of Perseus and Medusa. Here is what Millie in 5B wrote in her character description of Medusa. Beware, this is not for the faint-hearted!

Her repulsive mouth, which was covered in blood, slowly gave an unpleasant smile. The aggressive, stubborn woman, with scaly serpents slithering around her head, screamed at the top of her voice as Perseus chopped her head off. All heroic men, who had tried to defeat Medusa, unfortunately got turned into stone by her emerald green eyes. Her revolting blood, dripping down her hideous face, had a violent taste. The blood-curdling, ambitious Medusa, with ruby red blood around her ugly face, lived in a dark, obscure cave. Medusa's red-shot lips underneath her frightening eyes, shone in the moonlight. Her vain, glum personality, with her pinpoint sight, stared horrifyingly into the distance.



FABULOUS FORCES

Year 5 have been looking at gravity and air resistance and made paper spinners to use in an air resistance experiment. Stop watches and calculators were used to measure and record the children's findings.



ARE YOU ENJOYING YOUR CLASS BOOK?

The children in Year 6 are thoroughly enjoying their class reader, 'Skellig' by David Almond. Here is what 3 members of 6B think-

Arvo - This book is mysterious because it is weird and unusual which I like.

Anish - Very interesting. I would recommend it to anyone who is moving house

Dan - Skellig is an interesting and intriguing story that makes you want to read on.



RANGERS REPORT

This week in Rangers we have done lots of fun and exciting activities including making some rice crispy cakes, pom-pom monsters and also different animals and shapes with pipe cleaners. Our bookings are now open for October half term and we hope to see many of you there at Camp Glide.



BECOME A VOLUNTEER

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in school, or if you already volunteer, please come along to the Volunteer Induction/Information Meeting that is being held here next Wednesday (4th October) at 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Goodwin will explain the role of volunteering in school and will tell you all about the different ways in which you can help. We look forward to seeing you there.



For those of you who kindly come and help our classes with their swimming, please can you make sure you read our 'Poolside Guidelines for Volunteer Helpers' when you come along next week. There are a number of poolside regulations which you need to be aware of and guidance relating to how you should be helping poolside and with changing. The guidelines will be at the office when you sign in along with a sheet for you to sign confirming that you have read and understood them. Thank you.



FAMILY LEARNING COURSE

If you are a parent from an 'English as an Additional Language' family, here is a course you might be interested in. It will run for 5 weeks and will be held at Wray Common School. Parents/Carers will be able to find out how their children are taught Singapore maths at school and will learn how to be more confident when helping their children. They will also learn how to improve their own numeracy skills. There is no charge for the course and places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. Booking forms are available to collect from the school office.



DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Mon 2 nd Oct	Year 6 Trip to Marchants Hill
Tues 3 rd Oct	Bikeability Year 4 Group 1 (during school time)
Wed 4 th Oct	Parent/Carer Volunteer Induction Meeting 9:00 a.m. Year 6 arrive back from Marchants Hill
Thurs 5 th Oct	Bikeability Year 4 Group 2 (during school time)
Fri 6 th Oct	Home match v Reigate Priory

FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON

If you came along this morning to look through the second hand uniform, thank you for braving the wet weather and we hope you found some bargains. The uniform will be out again next Friday, 6th October, so please come along and have a browse to see if you can find any good quality, spare uniform for your children.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Don't forget that the online booking system for booking Parents' Evenings is now live. Please log in to your Tucasi account to book your slot. If you require assistance with this, please contact the school office.

COME AND MEET THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

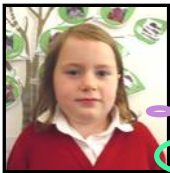
We would like to introduce you to our 2017/2018 School Council. All members have exciting ideas and ventures that they hope to bring to the school. After 'in class' elections, these select few were chosen to represent the voice of the pupils at Wray Common; they were carefully elected by their class and class teacher. As teachers, we look forward to collaborating closely with the school council to bring about new and exciting improvements for the school.

"So far we have had our first Soap Box Assembly. We decided to focus on improving book corners. We have also decided on what we want to focus on improving for the year. In our second meeting we decided on the roles of a school council member". Jojo - School Council Chair



WHAT WE WANT TO IMPROVE
Reading: We want to improve book corners
Wray Common Citizens: We want to improve how we use the passports
School Environment: We want to improve the tidiness of the school
Learning: We want to improve CAPTURE learning skills

Polly 2M : I want to make the classrooms more tidy



Molly 2ML : I want to make a sandpit in the lower playground.



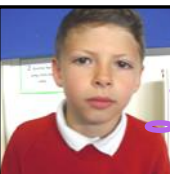
Saoirse 3R : I want to get some more interesting books to read.



Aliyah 3W : I want to get more resources for maths.



Harrison 4E : I want to get some new equipment for lunch/break times.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ROLES:

- Collaborate with adults in school
- Represent the views of the children in school
- Share good ideas and suggest improvements
- Help make positive changes
- Be positive role models
- Help develop CAPTURE learning skills in school
- Take an active role in soap box assembly
- Turn up to school council meetings

Yasmin 5B : I want to improve the school environment.



Adam 4RW : I want to make Maths more challenging.



Oscar 5M : I want to make learning more enjoyable and fun.



Amber 5W : I want to make the book corners more colourful.



Howard 1VG : I want to get more resources for art.



Poppy 1W : I want to improve art by learning differently.



Lexi 2E : I want to increase the practice of Maths Passports.

